



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

LIBRARY COMMISSION

After Action
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2004

Morgan Hill Civic Center
Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue

LIBRARY COMMISSION	
Chair	Jeanne Gregg
Vice-Chair	Charles Dillmann
Commissioner	Kathleen Stanaway
Commissioner	Charles Cameron
Commissioner	George Nale
Commissioner	Mary Ellen Salzano
Commissioner	Einar Anderson
Commissioner	Ruth Phebus
Commissioner	Vacant

7:15 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gregg called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Pledge was led by Chair Gregg

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

1. COUNTY LIBRARY REPORT

Legislation-Funding & Budgeting

County Librarian Melinda Cervantes

Deputy County Librarian Sarah Flowers

Deputy County Librarian, Sarah Flowers, provided the County Library report. Ms. Flowers reported the JPA met on February 5. The JPA is looking to develop a five year forecast for County Library revenues. However, due to the uncertainty of the State budget and the success of the Measure B campaign, it is difficult to develop revenue projections. Ms. Flowers added there is also uncertainty regarding whether or not the TBR and Public Library Foundation revenues will be cut at the State level. Gay Strand, the County Library's Financial Officer, presented several scenarios for revenue projection to the JPA. She has predicted a \$500,000 to \$600,000 shortfall in funds for employee benefits. A budget study session will be held in the end of March.

Ms. Flowers announced long-time Library employee, Frank Garcia, retired after 25 years of service.

The new bookmobile is now providing services at different sites throughout the County.

The Silicon Valley Reads program will hold two discussion groups in Morgan Hill: 1) February 27th at 12:00 p.m. and 2) March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. The groups will discuss Fahrenheit 451, which was selected as the County's "One Book."

Joint Powers Authority

Council Member Steve Tate

Council Member Tate reported the last JPA meeting was difficult in that one position from Vision Literacy was cut.

Mr. Tate reported the Measure B campaign has not raised as much money as hoped. The original goal was to raise \$250,000. To date, approximately \$100,000 has been raised. Originally 5 to 6 mailings for Measure B were planned. Current funds only allow 2 to 3 mailings. He reported the *San Jose Mercury* ran a positive article on Measure B on Sunday, February 8th. He stated there are a few lawn signs still available. Anyone interested should contact him. He added a fundraiser will be held at the Cupertino Library for Measure B.

2. MORGAN HILL LIBRARY REPORT

Community Librarian

Nancy Howe

Ms. Howe handed out information on the proposed cuts to each of the nine County Libraries if Measure B fails. She stated proposed cuts are based on current service levels, current operating budgets and the individual Library's share of the formula. Morgan Hill's hours will be cut from 54 to 30 if Measure B fails. If Measure B does fail Monday's will most likely be selected as the day the Library is closed.

Ms. Howe announced circulation for January was at a record high! Circulation was over 56,000. She reported the Library had a special program for Peter Pan, which was successful. The Library has started baby story times once a week. This program has been a success. The Library now has four Library students from San Jose State who will assist with tasks in the Library. They will work for 120 hours. The Friends of the Library are re-doing the signs inside the Library. Ms. Howe estimates there are 30 to 40 signs that will be changed.

Adult and Teen Library Report

Beverly Vessa

Bev Vessa, Adult and Teen Librarian provided an overview of adult and teen services. She provided the Commissioners with a hand-out, which outlined the services provided, collection development, and future plans for adult and teen services.

Ms. Vessa reported she and her staff answered approximately 2253 reference questions during the month of January. The Adult and Teen staff provide diverse resources on a wide variety subjects. They provide tours of the Library in both English and Spanish, coordinate the Teen Summer Reading Club and facilitate monthly book discussions among a long list of other services to patrons. Future plans include establishing an Independent Film series at the Library, more outreach to schools in the use of specialized databases and other resources available at the Library. A Poetry Slam for teens scheduled for March.

Chair Gregg thanked Ms. Vessa for her presentation and for all the hard work she and her staff have done to provide excellent services at the Library. Ms. Gregg stated she has enjoyed having access to the Best Seller books, which is funded by the Friends of the Library.

3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Vice-Chair Dillmann

Vice-Chair Dillmann reported Senator Dede Alpert has introduced her bill in the amount of \$2 billion to establish a new bond for library construction. It is anticipated her bill will be on the November ballot.

Mr. Dillmann added the subway system in Mexico City will distribute free books in order to deter crime and vandalism.

4. YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair England
Vice-Chair O'mahen

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINTUES OF JANUARY 12, 2004

Vice-Chair Dillmann motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion. Approved (8:0)

Recreation and Community Services Division Manager, Julie Spier, addressed the Commission and stated Staff Balagso's job duties have expanded and she will no longer be able to provide the Commission with a comprehensive set of minutes after each meeting. The City's policy requires

that Board and Commission minutes reflect vote(s) and action(s) taken during the meeting. She stated if the Commission discusses a large issue, such as an alternate site for the new Library, the minutes will reflect more discussion and points made during the meeting.

Chair Gregg asked if the City's budget situation might make it necessary to eliminate the one or more of the Commissions. Council Member Tate responded the Council is looking at all cost saving measures, but has not made any decisions at this time.

BUSINESS

6. MEASURE B – LIBRARY SPECIAL TAX

Recommended Action: Information Item. Library Commission Chair and Local Measure B Campaign Committee Co-Chair, Jeanne Gregg, will provide a status report on Measure B – Library Special Tax on the March 2004 ballot.

Item addressed under JPA report above.

7. LIBRARY SUB-COMMITTEE

Recommended Action: Information Item. Council Member Steve Tate will provide an update on the Library Sub-Committee.

Council Member Tate reported the Sub-Committee has met several times and is looking at alternate sites for the new Library. These sites include: 1) SunSweet site on 3rd Street; 2) expansion of the current Library, 3) construction of a smaller Library on the Civic Center site adjacent to City Hall and 4) Britton School. He added the goal of the Sub-Committee is to have a recommendation to the City Council in June. He stated part of the process will include public comment. The two sites, which are feasible at this point are: 1) Civic Center site and 2) SunSweet site. The Sub-Committee will meet on February 12th. Rocke Garcia, the owner of the SunSweet site, will present his concept. He added the City anticipates opposition to this site from residents who actively lobbied to locate the new Library on the Civic Center site.

Commissioner Anderson asked if there had been discussion of reallocation of funds for the construction of the Library. Mr. Tate responded there has not yet been discussion of funding options. He stated he is going to speak to Supervisor Don Gage to propose the assessment for Library services be extended into the unincorporated areas of the County.

8. STATUS OF INDOOR RECREATION CENTER

Recommended Action: Information Item. City staff will provide an update on status of Indoor Community Recreation Center

Recreation and Community Services Division Manager, Julie Spier, reported that 70% of the design development has been completed. She stated the projected construction cost for the cinder block building materials has escalated from \$7 a piece to \$26 a piece.

The Center will include an indoor pool, aerobics and fitness facilities and gym, and a wing for seniors and youth. Youth and seniors will share a computer room and game room. This will promote intergenerational activities. It is anticipated the project will go out to bid for construction in March 2005. The entire project includes \$1.2 million for improvements to Community Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Commissioners have requested that the following agenda items be placed on the Library Commission agenda for the next meeting or on a future date:

1. Library Special Tax – Measure B
2. Library Sub-Committee – presentation on alternate sites
3. Fundraising for Library – Speaker from Saratoga
4. School/Library Cooperation
5. Vision for the Library of the Future

ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting scheduled on **March 8m 2004 at 7:15 p.m.** in City Council Chambers.

Commissioner Cameron moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Phebus seconded the motion. Motion approved (8:0)